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SUBJECT: CANADIAN FOOD AID TO BANGLADESH; CURRENT OUTLOOK

1. CANADIAN FOOD AID TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY HICOM AID OFFICER, CALLED MAY 31 ON USAID DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION/VIEWS ON FOOD AID TO BANGLADESH. TEAM MEMBERS WERE H.D. POUND, CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION AND STANLEY C. GOODYEAR, MANAGER FOOD GROUP, COMMODITIES DIVISION, CIDA.

2. CANADIAN FY 1978 FOOD AID. IN RESPONSE TO BDG REQUESTS, AND IN LIGHT CANADIAN GRAIN SUPPLY POSITION, TEAM'S ANALYSIS OF LATEST BDG FOODGRAIN FORECAST AND WFP ADVISOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS, TEAM MEMBERS HAD CONCLUDED: (A) THAT BDG WOULD RECEIVE FULL 150,000 METRIC TONS WHEAT ON GRANT BASIS, (LOWER WHEAT PRICES HAVE EFFECTIVELY RAISED ORIGNIALLY PROGRAMMED 130,000 TONS TO 150,000); (B) THAT TEAM WOULD RECOMMEND

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CANADIAN MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF: (I) 50,000 ADDITIONAL METRIC TONS OF WHEAT AS GRANT; (II) FURTHER 20,000 MT GRANT WHEAT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMS SELECTED BY CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, AND MONITORED BY WFP, DACCA; AND (III) ALLOCATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 80,000 MT GRANT WHEAT TO BE COMMITTED BY CIDA AND CANADIAN GRAIN COMMISSION, IF JULY/AUGUST

BANGLADESH FOOD POSITION SO WARRANTED.

3. ALL THE ABOVE AMOUNTS, ALWAYS ASSUMING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL AND JULY/AUGUST REVIEW SO WARRANTED, WOULD BE DELIVERED TO BANGLADESH BEFORE END-DECEMBER 1977. TEAM EXPECTED MINISTERIAL APPROVAL WOULD TAKE UP TO 12 WEEKS. IN SUM, IT NOW REPEAT NOW VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT CANADIAN FY 1978 FOOD AID PROGRAM WILL BE 220,000 MT AND IT VERY POSSIBLE THAT FINAL FIGURE WILL BE 300,000 MT.

4. LATEST BDG FORECAST. CANADIAN TEAM ALSO SHARED WITH US LATEST BDG JULY 1977-JUNE 1978 FOODGRAIN FORECAST WHICH SHOWS JULY FIRST, 1977 OPENING BALANCE OF 550,000 TONS, PROCUREMENT FOR YEAR AT 500,000 MT (CONCENTRATED DURING FINAL SEVEN MONTHS), IMPORTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1977 AT 706,000 AND NOTHING THEREAFTER, STOCKS AT DECEMBER 31 AT 431,000 AND OFFTAKES OF 900,000 MT FOR JULY-DECEMBER AND 860,000 FOR JANUARY-JUNE 1978 FOR 12-MONTH TOTAL OF 1.76 MILLION ACCORDINGLY, CLOSING JUNE 30, 1978 STOCK GIVEN AS MINUS 4,000 TONS (I.E., LESS THAN ZERO STOCKS). WE PLAN TRANSMIT THIS LATEST BDG PROJECTION WITH COMMENTS SOONEST.
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